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(54) Title: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR REGULATING THE ACTIVITY OF REGULATORY T CELLS

(54) 発明の名称: 制御性T細胞の活性を制御する方法および組成物

(57) Abstract: It is intended to provide a composition for regulating the activity of regulatory T cells and a regulation method. Namely, a composition containing an antigen recognized by CD4⁺CD25⁺ regulatory T cells or an expression vector encoding the antigen and a method of regulating an immune response of a mammal by administering the composition to the mammal. Thus, a means useful in preventing and treating autoimmune diseases and allergic diseases and inhibiting rejection reaction and graft-versus-host reaction in transplantation is provided. Furthermore, the immunosuppressive state is relieved by administering interferon γ or administering a combination of interleukin 12 with interleukin 18. That is to say, regulatory T cells can be artificially controlled by appropriately combining the action of such a cytokine with the sensitization with SEREX antigen, which is applicable to autoimmune diseases, reactions accompanying organ transplantation, allergic reactions, regulation of tumor immunity and so on.

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(57) 要約: 本発明は、制御性T細胞の活性を制御するための組成物および制御方法を提供する。CD4⁺CD25⁺制御性T細胞が認識する抗原または抗原をコードする発現ベクターを含む組成物および該組成物を哺乳動物に投与して哺乳動物の免疫応答を制御する方法に関するものであり、自己免疫疾患およびアレルギー疾患の予防や治療、移植における拒絶反応や移植片対宿主反応の抑制に有用な手段を提供するものである。さらに免疫抑制状態はインターフェロン・ガンマの投与、あるいはインターロイキン12とインターロイキン18の併用投与によって解除される。すなわち、こうしたサイトカインの作用とSEREX抗原による感作とを適切に組み合わせることにより、制御性T細胞を人為的に操作することができ、自己免疫疾患、臓器移植に伴う反応、アレルギー反応および腫瘍免疫の制御等に適用することができる。

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 11 to 14, 16, 18

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

The inventions as set forth in claims 11 to 14, 16, 18 pertain to methods for treatment of the human body by therapy.

2. Claims Nos.:

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